(IDT) 114 which are then further linked to a central data terminal (CDT) 120. The network service nodes 110 transmit data to the remote cell nodes 112 which further transmit data to the IDTs 114 and the final data consolidation by the CDT 120. The CDT 120 is also a data requestor, and initiates polling of data via the same hierarchical communications topology. Data requests are based on a top-down method while data transmission is via the opposite.

Responsive the Authorized Officer's objections, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation wherein the plurality of mobile data devices is in communication with the intermediate system via the network. Applicant submits further submits that the present limitation already appears in independent claim 21.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art does not disclose the current claimed invention where several mobile data devices connected to a network are further in communication with an intermediate system via the network. While the intermediate system of the present invention manages access to the mobile data devices, the intermediate system does this via the network and not the other way round as disclosed in the prior art. The present network topology of the present invention clearly does not claim an intermediary between the mobile data devices and the network. Further, the present invention as claimed does not utilize a hierarchical communications topology as disclosed in the cited art..

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited art D1 does not disclose the invention as claimed claim 1 and 21 and that D1 neither suggests nor teaches using an intermediate system for the managing of access of a plurality of mobile data devices connected to a network, where the intermediate system is in communication with the mobile data devices via the network.

Therefore, in view of the amendments to the claims and the comments hereinabove, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claim 1 and claim 21 as filed are in an allowable state. Applicants further submit that dependent claims 2 to 20 which

depends from claim 1 and dependent claims 22 to 24 which depends from claim 21 are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claims 1 and 21.

The Applicant further submits that no new matter has been added to the application by these amendments.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the earlier amended Claims do overcome the Authorized Officer's objections. In view of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS

1. A method for managing access to a plurality of mobile data devices connected to a network using an intermediate system; said method comprising the steps

a. registering a plurality of mobile data devices, each of said plurality of mobile data devices for provision of data therefrom, and being in communication with said intermediate system via said network;

b. generating a list of available mobile data devices in said intermediate system;

c. receiving a data request from a data requestor; and

d. providing a data response.

2. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said step a. further comprises the steps:

i. entering registration data of said plurality of mobile data devices;

ii. verifying said registration data of said plurality of mobile data devices; and

iii. adding said plurality of mobile data devices to said list of available mobile data devices.

3. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step i. may be performed over the Internet by having an online form.

4. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step i. may be performed over the mobile network through a WAP-based form.

5. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said step i. may be performed over the mobile network through interactive SMS.

6. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein said registration data further comprises a unique name assigned to each mobile data device identifier of each of said plurality of mobile data devices.